

## LONG FIGHT OVER CANAL TOLLS SURE

Weary Members of Congress See Little Hope of Summer Recess.

## WILSON CONFERS WITH HIS PARTY ADVISERS

Failure of Non-Partisan Way of Dealing with Trust Legislation Adds to Muddle.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, March 22.—Administration leaders, who made resolutions at the outset of the present Congress to take a long recess during the forthcoming summer are watching with misgiving the effect of pending legislation which threatens to close the Congressional machine. Members of Congress, impatient for an early adjournment which will enable them to return home to take part in what threatens to be a bitter campaign, are beginning to despair, and it is possible that President Wilson will be urged to take a hand in the situation to keep the legislative wheels turning.

There is a manifest divergence of opinion between House and Senate leaders over the proposed anti-trust legislation, which threatens to result in weeks, if not months, of debate. A long and bitter fight over the repeal of the tolls exemption provision of the Panama Canal act is impending. The perplexing question of rural credits is still before the committee. Some of the appropriation bills have been passed, but there is much work ahead on those which are yet to be finally drafted. There are several bills of minor importance which will lead to long controversy if steps are not taken by the majority leaders to put them in storage until the Congress elections are over.

Overworked legislators, who have been in Washington practically for an entire year without respite and who have experienced the discomfort of several Washington summers, are beginning to despair. Although the President is criticized for his "autocratic methods," there is hope lurking in many an anti-administration breast that he will again take charge of the situation, as he did on the currency bill, decide what bills are to be passed and invoke the caucus rule to save them.

### Non-Partisan Method Failure.

The non-partisan method of dealing with anti-trust legislation has so far been a failure. Bills having the approval of the President have been introduced in the House, but the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee appears to have an entirely different conception of what should be done. It purposes to have but one bill, and so far, that has not been discussed in connection with it. Republican members of the committee are fast coming to the belief that ultimately the President must decide what the trust legislation is to be and issue orders to have it put through by the majority machine.

The confidence of the opponents of the tolls exemption repeal bill is also growing, with the prospect that they will put up a stubborn fight. The sentiment of the country has been aroused and there will be a general demand by members of Congress for an opportunity to explain their action to their constituents. It is not improbable that there will be two weeks of debate on the tolls controversy in the Senate alone. Opponents of the proposed repeal are earnestly at work on Senators and Representatives who are wavering. That there are some members in both Senate and House who really have not decided what to do is claimed by leading opponents of the repeal, despite the repeated publication of polls on the issue tending to show large majorities for repeal. As the fight against the repeal continues, those who are directing the opposition maintain that their propaganda is producing results and that some surprises are in store for the administration before the controversy is settled. On the other hand, administration champions, while well aware that the fight is the most stubborn and unyielding that has developed since the

Democratic party came into power, insist that repeal of toll exemption will triumph and that final action cannot be delayed many more weeks.

The seriousness of the tolls situation was further shown by the fact that President Wilson and his advisers were in consultation to-day, canvassing the situation. It is unusual for the President to be at his office on Sunday, but he spent most of the afternoon there with Postmaster General Burleson and Secretary Tumulty. They talked with administration leaders in Congress and learned, it is said, that while there was little reason to doubt the ultimate triumph of the repeal, a very stubborn opposition had arisen, particularly in the House, and those in charge of the administration fight there would have to work hard to overcome it.

### Jones Resolution Up Wednesday.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate will have before it Wednesday the resolution introduced by Senator Jones, of Washington, requesting the President for information as to what foreign nations are opposed to toll exemption for American coastwise shipping. There will be opposition in the committee to the resolution, and it may be reported adversely. In that case Senator O'Gorman is expected to make a minority report. This will precipitate discussion in the Senate again, and furnish the opportunity for another preliminary skirmish on the important issue.

Rural credits legislation is largely an unknown quantity to most members of Congress. The investigations that have been undertaken and the reports that have been made indicate that this subject is almost as perplexing as the currency bill proved to be, and if Congress takes it up in earnest it will be debated for many days before the final vote is taken.

Representative Underwood expressed the opinion several weeks ago that Congress would adjourn about June 15. Most Democratic leaders now see no hope of adjournment before the latter part of July. In the present state of congestion, with committees reluctant to take up the tasks before them, there is ample basis for the prediction that the session will run on until far into the summer, as it has done heretofore, unless President Wilson comes to the rescue.

The pending Nicaraguan treaty, under which the United States would acquire exclusive rights to a canal route across the country, a naval base in Fonseca Bay and coaling stations in the Pacific and Caribbean, is on the calendar of the Foreign Relations Committee, and is being pressed for action. The committee postponed its consideration last week owing to the absence of several members, including acting Chairman Shively. It probably will be discussed at the meeting Wednesday, and Secretary Bryan may be asked to explain the amendments proposed by the administration whereby the United States would assume a limited protectorate over Nicaragua.

## WILSON AWAITING ISSUE AT TORREON

President Expects to Take Forward Step in Mexican Policy in Month or So.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, March 22.—President Wilson will wait until there is some definite turn in the battle of Torreon before making any move to carry out his Mexican policy, as it is generally assumed here that the engagement between the two large forces will mark the turning point in the present revolution.

The belief that General Huerta will retire from the Presidency in favor of his Foreign Minister, Señor Portillo, and assume personal command of the Federal forces at Torreon is growing in official quarters. Both the President and Secretary Bryan have a high regard for Señor Portillo, and it is almost certain that he would be recognized should he succeed Huerta in the provisional Presidency of Mexico.

While developments at Torreon may result in a changed state of affairs in Mexico, it is said that President Wilson expects to take a forward step within the next month or six weeks. The nature of the contemplated action has not been disclosed, but that he purposes to do something definite within that time is asserted on good authority.

Reports that a more friendly feeling prevails between the Washington government and those officials of the Huerta administration who are seeking a peaceful settlement of the difficulty are borne out by dispatches received here by Chargé Alcala of the Mexican Embassy, who said to-day that President Wilson's attitude in welcoming a resumption of peace negotiations had made a favorable impression in the Mexican capital.

Chargé Alcala, speaking of Señor Portillo, says that while Señor Portillo is a member of the Clerical party, he is very liberal in his views. Constitutionalists here have said, however, that while they thought highly of Señor Portillo personally, his affiliations with the Clerical party would prevent his being accepted by General Carranza as a provisional successor to Huerta.

Secretary Bryan denies a published report that Chargé O'Shaughnessy was to resign. He says he has heard nothing of it and does not believe it.

### TWO IN DEAL FOR SENATE

"Political Effrontery," Pittsburgh Paper Calls Plan.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Pittsburgh, March 22.—Two United States Senators are involved in a compact which, according to "The Pittsburgh Dispatch," is reported to have been effected. "The Dispatch" says:

"Under its terms, according to authentic information, E. V. Rabcock, of this city, has been guaranteed the Republican Senatorial nomination in 1914 as the successor of George T. Oliver. In return Mr. Rabcock is to act as the fiscal agent of the Republican organization in the present state campaign, according to the story, the details of which are just coming to the surface. His particular duty will be to raise a fund sufficient to secure the nomination and election of Boies Penrose to the Senate."

"This bit of political effrontery is said to have been broached, the details worked out and the plan agreed upon in Philadelphia last Tuesday, when Pittsburgh politicians and financial men travelled to Philadelphia on the pretext of attending the annual dinner of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick."

### Go to Seek Subway Concession.

Following a conference yesterday with Byron R. Newton, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, over the long distance telephone, Chief Engineer Carran, Assistant Counsel Harkness and Secretary Whitney of the Public Service Commission left for Washington last night to confer with the Treasury Department officials in regard to the proposed \$100,000 easement under the Postoffice building in Park Row, for the new subway.

## TORREON BATTLE THE TURNING POINT

Rebels Must Gain Decisive Victory or Suffer Crushing Defeat.

## ANGELES ASSURES REGULAR WARFARE

His Presence in Villa's Army Creates Surprise—Still Another Tax Feared.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
Mexico City, March 22.—It is recognized here that if the rebels make a really serious attempt to take Torreon, the turning point in the revolution will have been reached.

The presence in the rebel ranks of General Felipe Angeles is thought here to presage a determined effort to storm Torreon by the methods of regular warfare, and that in consequence the rebels will either score a decisive victory or sustain a decisive defeat.

Of all the Federal generals who operated in this city against the Ciudadela when it was held by Felix Diaz and Manuel Mondragon, in February, 1913, Angeles was perhaps the only one who attacked the attack with energy and earnestness and was sincerely loyal to President Madero. But it is thought here remarkable that Angeles should be willing to act as second in command to a man like Villa.

Another Tax Expected.  
It is with a chill heart that the public learns of the continued conferences between Finance Minister de la Lanza and representatives of the local banks, for whatever may be the uncertainties of the questions in detail, it is known in substance that the proposition is the creation of some new tax, the proceeds of which are to be received by the banks in return for a new advance to the government. And the fact that increases the public's exasperation is the talk constantly heard of wastefulness in the conduct of the campaign.

Even in this city the daily expense incurred in War Department automobiles, which are constantly seen in the streets, often occupied by the younger officers, must, it is thought, be considerable. The orderly economy of the Diaz administration seems a thing of the past.

The public, however, is still disposed to give Huerta a full chance to carry out his plans of pacification. Favorable comment, elicited some weeks ago by the announcement that the government intended to suppress gambling in the Federal district, proved premature. It was explained that the authorities only intended to restrict the evil. Now, it is announced, the gambling license is to be transferred from the present holder to another, who is willing to pay the government 70,000 pesos a month instead of 20,000.

### Rochelle's Exploits in Mexico.

Recent events in Paris have been followed here with more than ordinary interest owing to Rochelle's connection with Mexico and business relations between him and the late Gustavo Madero through other members of the Madero family, particularly Ernesto Madero, Minister of Finance, and Rafael Hernandez, Minister of the Interior for President Madero, constantly advised Gustavo to sever financial connections with the French banker. When Rochelle came to Mexico, in 1912, and was mysteriously disappeared from view, and it was openly charged in the press that he was being shielded by Gustavo Madero's influence. The Rochelle affair was assiduously exploited by the opposition press under the Madero administration.

Huerta is developing a fondness for the Baron-ul-Raschid role. Whatever may be said of his nocturnal habits, he is up every morning bright and early and fresh as a lark. He paid a surprise visit yesterday morning to the various ministerial departments long before the ministers themselves reported for duty. He took stock of everything, and left on his ministers' desks his card, on which he wrote he was sorry not to have had the pleasure of greeting them in their offices.

## TO SETTLE FRENCH CLAIMS

Spoilation Cases Stand Good Chance of Final Disposition.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, March 22.—The long standing controversy over the French spoliation claims, which have been the subject of contention in Congress for a period longer than the oldest of the present day statesmen have served, will practically be disposed of if an appropriation of \$1,000,000 is made during the present session to pay claims favorably passed on by the United States Court of Claims. It is estimated that \$500,000 will cover all of the untied cases in which the Court of Claims may make favorable decisions.

The problem was referred to the Court of Claims in 1885, and Congress has appropriated approximately \$4,000,000 as findings have been made in individual cases. The last appropriation was made in 1905. Seven vacancies have been created and filled since the court began its work, and the work is not yet complete. Ten different judges have subscribed to the opinion that the United States is liable for the claims.

These claims are brought in the names of administrators, as the original losers died long ago, and all the appropriation acts heretofore made contain the proviso that the claims appropriated shall not be paid until the Court of Claims certifies to the Secretary of the Treasury that the administrator represents the next of kin of the original loser. The court that issued the administration must also certify that the administrator has given adequate security for the legal disbursement of the sum appropriated for.

## THREE INCH SNOW CLEARED

Sun and Street Cleaners Work Together to Remove It.

Three inches of snow fell in yesterday's storm, the first of the current spring, but to-night it is expected that nature, aided by street cleaners, lines of hose and traffic, will have cleared all the principal thoroughfares of the city.

Early in the morning the snow removal bureau was busy, and by night fall the regular force, augmented by about two thousand men, had cleared the principal squares and crossings. The sun also did its part, and in many places only the frozen remnants of the earlier storms are to be seen.

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## REBEL GUNS SWEEP BESIEGED TORREON

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cannot get there, it is argued by rebel officers, without fighting their way through the rebel lines, which now extend practically all around Torreon.

There is a strong Federal garrison in Laredo, seven miles from Torreon, but rebel cannon already are dropping shells into Laredo and rebel cavalrymen are in saddles and ready for a rush of the Federal position.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Juarez, Mexico, March 22.—General Manuel Chao and Colonel Fidel Avila, rebel commanders here, attended the last day's race meet on the Juarez track to-day. To friends both expressed confidence that Villa would win at Torreon.

General Chao is in almost constant communication with the rebel front, but his advice to-day have been fragmentary, indicating in his opinion that General Villa is too busy with the big battle to stop for sending dispatches.

Beyond Bermejillo the telegraph lines were destroyed by retreating Federals, and dispatches from the extreme front are sent to that point by couriers.

General Carranza, with his bodyguard and staff, reached Casas Grandes, about ninety miles south of Juarez, this afternoon. General Chao will leave here to-morrow to meet him.

In a fight at Monte Cristo, State of Tabasco, Castilla Brito, a rebel leader and former Governor of the State of Campeche, is believed to have been made prisoner.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, accompanied by his wife and daughter, is visiting the capital. He is trying to attract as little attention as possible, as he is here in an unofficial capacity.

## GARRISON EXTERMINATED

Even Civilians in Rebel Town of Las Vacas Not Spared.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 22.—Mexican Federal troops which three days ago evacuated Las Vacas, opposite Del Rio, Tex., returned to-day and reoccupied the village, after exterminating the Constitutionalist garrison of fourteen men and either killing or taking prisoners the half dozen civilians who moved into the town when the rebels took possession.

Nine bodies were hanged from trees on the bank of the Rio Grande in plain view of residents on the American side.

Late to-day several hundred Constitutionalist were reported moving on Las Vacas, and a battle is expected to-morrow. The strength of the Federal force was not known.

To-day's attack was a complete surprise, and, coming just at dawn, found the little settlement totally unprepared for defence. Three days ago the Federals moved from Las Vacas to San Carlos, twenty-five miles inland, on approach of a body of rebels. The rebels occupied the town and left only fourteen men as a garrison.

## TORREON WELL FORTIFIED

Federals Say There Is a Big Surprise in Store for Villa.

El Paso, Tex., March 22.—Private advices received here late to-day indicate that Federal resistance at Torreon will be stubborn. It is said in the dispatches that the city never has been so well fortified, although it has three times in as many years been the prize for which rival armies fought. On every hill which overlooks the Laguna Plains big guns have been planted by General Velasco and trenches have been dug and fortifications thrown up at every point that might be used for rebel approaches.

The city is one of the most modernly built places in Northern Mexico, having several four story buildings. On the tops of these Federal machine guns have been placed. In the outskirts of the city mines have been planted which can be exploded by electricity the moment the rebels get near them, and for weeks the government has been gathering supplies of food and stores of ammunition in anticipation of the rebel attack.

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Washington, March 22.—How the American people failed to recognize the importance of radium as a cure for cancer until the European countries had secured practically all of the present available supply is told in the annual report of Director Joseph A. Holmes of the Federal Bureau of Mines, made public to-night. The report tells in detail of the bureau's unsuccessful efforts to obtain a quantity of radium sufficient to supply the twenty or more hospitals of the Public Health Service.

It is estimated by Director Holmes that in the United States 75,000 persons die each year from cancer. Explaining that radium is considered the most promising cure for certain types of cancer, the director says the most serious barrier to progress in demonstrating this is the scarcity of radium. The report attracted unusual interest, as Congress is preparing to enact legislation to develop and conserve the country's radium resources.

Only 30 Grams in Existence.

"There is probably not more than thirty grams of radium now available for use in such treatment in all countries," the report says. "Of this amount there is probably not more than two grams of radium bromide in the United States, in the hands of a few surgeons. Probably fifteen grams of radium bromide was produced during 1912, and of this fifteen grams nearly eleven and one-half grams was extracted in various European countries from ores shipped to them from the United States, mainly from Colorado and Utah."

"During 1913 there was a total production of 2,100 tons of radium-bearing ores in the United States, of which about 6 per cent of the ores and a little more than 50 per cent of the radium content were shipped abroad. Because of a new plant now being erected at Liverpool by an English corporation controlling sixty claims in Colorado and Utah and the larger purchases of ores by other foreign corporations the exports of radium promise to be much larger in 1914."

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### To Develop New Process.

"No detailed information concerning the methods of treating these radium-bearing ores being obtainable, the Bureau of Mines has endeavored to develop a process of its own, which, if successful, will be made public for general use. It is believed that, with large facilities made available, the bureau can extract from ores already belonging to the government a quantity of radium that, placed at the disposal of the Public Health Service at its various hospitals, situated in twenty or more of our larger cities, will serve in part to meet the needs of the various cancer hospitals of the country."

Director Holmes says that last year through the bureau's activities there was saved in Oklahoma alone \$10,000,000 worth of natural gas. In all the fields of the country the waste of this product reaches a total of \$50,000,000 annually.

The director estimates the unnecessary waste of coal to be 25,000,000 tons annually. He expresses the opinion that an investigation, costing probably \$50,000, would result in a saving of fifty million tons yearly.

## REFUSES FARE; ARRESTED

Salesman Can't Pay \$10 Fine and Must Go to Island.

Louis Snefflin, a salesman, of No. 115 Hamilton Place, walked past a ticket chopper last night at the 110th street station of the Broadway subway. When he walked out again he was in custody of Patrolman Stevens, of the West 100th street station. He will confine his walking to Blackwell's Island for the next ten days.

Snefflin told Magistrate Marsh in the men's Night Court that he had asked the ticket chopper which side he was on—uptown or downtown. "Find out for yourself," was his version of the reply. So the salesman went by the box without presenting a ticket. The magistrate sided with the complainant, Otto Filip, of No. 2143 Gleason avenue, The Bronx, and imposed a fine of \$10. Snefflin didn't have the money.

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